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SERVICE OVER A COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified patent application, please amend as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

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--Cross-Reference to related Applications

This application is a continuation of International Patent Application No.
PCT/GB97/02850, filed on October 16, 1997, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claims 1-68, and add the following new claims 69-135:

69. A method of remotely configuring communication apparatus for communication over a network to access a service, the method comprising the steps of:
connecting said communication apparatus to said network;
said communication apparatus automatically communicating with a remote configuration system over said network using initial configuration data;
said communication apparatus transmitting unique identification information to said configuration system;
at said configuration system determining configuration data for said communication apparatus;
transmitting said configuration data to said communication apparatus;

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